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Forbes announces over \$150,000 for Appomattox River Dredging Project
House passes Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2004

Washington, D.C. – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) announced that the City of Petersburg would receive **\$150,000** in federal funding for the **Appomattox River Federal Navigation Dredging Project** as part of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2004.

“Funding for this project is wonderful news for Petersburg and for the entire Fourth District of Virginia, especially during the tough times we are in as a nation and amidst tight budgetary constraints across the Commonwealth,” Forbes said.

Dredging is necessary to restore the Appomattox River as a navigable waterway from Petersburg to the James River and to re-establish the harbor in Petersburg. The \$150,000 funds would be used to conduct a study on where to place the spoil (sediment from the river bottom) after the dredging process is completed.

“This project is the primary component of development efforts for Petersburg’s Downtown Business District, and is necessary to ensure the success of the revitalization efforts for the City of Petersburg,” Forbes said.

Mayor of Petersburg, Rosalyn Dance, commented, “We are extremely pleased to receive additional funding for the Appomattox River Dredging Project. This project is one of the City’s top priorities and it critical to the restoration of Petersburg’s downtown. We are most appreciative of Congressman Forbes’ tireless efforts to fulfill his campaign commitment to assist us in bringing this project to fruition.”

On behalf of the City of Petersburg, Forbes requested funding for the Appomattox River Dredging Project from the House Appropriations Committee. Today, the House of Representatives passed the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for 2004. The bill will now be reviewed by a conference of members within the House and Senate to determine its final provisions.